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AV:CDUDLEY (SUBSTANCE)

FAA:GLUECKER

DOD:PBARRINGER

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TO AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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SUBJECT: KOFOED-HANSEN TALKS WITH FAA

REFERENCE: REYKJAVIK 1303

1. KOFOED-HANSEN, CHIEF, ICELANDIC CAA, MET ON NOVEMBER 5 WITH CHARLES CARY, FAA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. PRESENCE OF ANNE PINKNEY FROM DEPARTMENT BROUGHT FORTH QUICK REACTION BY KOFOED-HANSEN THAT CIVIL AVIATION SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND POLITICS. HE IMPLIED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THESE FAA TALKS WITH AGUSTSSON AND ICELANDIC EMBASSY HERE.

2. KOFOED-HANSEN BASICALLY WANTS TO EXTEND THE 1958 AGREEMENT AND TO OBTAIN UNDER IT, IF POSSIBLE, SOME MORE UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN
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USED TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH ICELAND AND THE U.S. AND THAT

HE WAS SURE THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO USE KEFLAVIK EVEN IF THE BASE AGREEMENT WERE SLIGHTLY ALTERED. HE MENTIONED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE BASE PROBLEM MIGHT BE TO SUBSTITUTE U.S. CIVILIANS FOR MILITARY. HE ASSERTED THAT ANY REVISION OF THE IDF WOULD ENHANCE THE POSITION OF THE FAA IN ICELAND. HE SUGGESTED THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF A POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENT.

3. THE FAA REPRESENTATIVES RESPONDED THAT THE ULTIMATE

FAA RESPONSIBILITY IN ICELAND IS TO THE MILITARY BASE. THEY NOTED TOO THAT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION WAS LOANED BY THE U.S. MILITARY TO THE FAA WHICH IN TURN HAD LOANED IT TO THE CAA. THEREFORE THE FATE OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON WHAT ACTION THE FAA COULD TAKE. HAVING SAID THIS, THE FAA REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THEY HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SIMPLIFY AND EXTEND THE OLD EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT. CARY REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES, HOWEVER, THAT ANY SUCH EXTENSION WOULD BE MADE ONLY WITH STATE AND DOD CONCURRENCE.

4 KOFOED-HANSEN ARGUED THAT THE AGREEMENT DID NOT HAVE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT AS ANY CAA/FAA AGREEMENT COULD LATER BE AMENDED BY AN ANNEX TO REFLECT THE RESULTS OF THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. TECHNICAL MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 3 HERE IN WASHINGTON. ON THE BASIS OF THAT MEETING, A NEW SIMPLIFIED AGREEMENT MAY BE DRAWN UP FOR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON AND REYKJAVIK.

6. AMBASSADOR PORTER AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT (REFTEL) THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THE EQUIPMENT LOAN INTO THE IDF NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, FAA WILL PURSUE ITS DISCUSSIONS ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL, INCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND AND PERHAPS EXPAND THE OLD ONE. HOWEVER, FAA WILL NOT, AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, SIGN ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT UNTIL WE DETERMINE WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY THROUGH REYKJAVIK'S PROPOSAL THAT THE SIGNING MIGHT APPROPRIATELY TAKE PLACE WHEN ICELANDIC MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS BJORN JONSSON VISITS THE U.S. RUSH

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